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# News Release

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## **Klamath National Forest Westside Fire Recovery Project Final Environmental Impact Statement now available**

**Yreka, CA,**— the Klamath National Forest is pleased to announce the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Westside Fire Recovery Project will be available for public review on Friday, August 7, 2015. The FEIS analyzes a number of alternatives to treat lands burned in the 2014 wildfires on the Klamath National Forest.

The Westside Fire Recovery project was developed to meet the need for: worker and public safety and access; safe conditions for firefighters performing fire suppression for community protection; a project that is economically viable, meeting project objectives and benefiting our local communities; and restored and fire-resilient forested ecosystems.

During preparation of the FEIS, the Forest Service received over 13,000 public, tribal and other agency and government entity comments. The preferred alternative represents an unprecedented effort by the Klamath National Forest to be responsive to public comments and to the complex resource issues created by the 2014 wildfires.

"I want to thank everyone who took the time to participate in the development of this document," commented Patty Grantham, Klamath Forest Supervisor. "Whether you went to an open house or wrote a letter or email, all of those comments were carefully considered and helped develop a preferred alternative that responds both to project objectives and public concerns."

The FEIS can be viewed on the internet at:  
[http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=45579](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=45579). It will also be available at public libraries in Yreka, Mt. Shasta, Etna, Happy Camp, and Fort Jones, or at the Klamath National Forest Supervisor's Office (1700 S. Main Street, Yreka, CA 96097). It can also be viewed at the ranger district offices of Salmon/Scott River Ranger District (11263 North Highway 3, Fort Jones, CA 96032) and Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District (63822 Highway 96, Happy Camp, CA 96039).

The final EIS will have a 30-day review. New information from the public or other agencies relevant to the content of the final EIS or the decision to be made will be considered as long as it is received prior to decision. A decision on this project is expected early September.

Relevant information may be provided to the Forest Service on the Klamath National Forests' project webpage: [http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=45579](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=45579). Select the "Comment on Project" link under the "Get Connected" group at the right hand side of the project webpage.

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